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Price 3 cents

CLOSING OUT SALE OF SUMMER STUFFS,

Beginning MONDAY, JULY 24th, we will commence the sale of all Summer Goods at sweeping reductions in prices. Our object shall be to clear the house, regardless of price or loss, or profit, of everything in hot weather goods. Don't delay. Come at once and get the choicest.

Beautiful Summer Wash Silks, sold at 50 cents, now 39¢. Sheer Fine Imported Organizes, sold at 37½ cents, now 24¢. Lovely Fine Lawns, in the season's new designs, sold at 12½¢, now 9¢. Best quality Portulacas, yard wide, fast colors, sold at 12½¢, now 9¢. A lot of Fine Printed Cambrics, almost a yard wide, sold at 10¢, now at 7½¢. A small lot of 12½¢. Woven Madras to clean up at 7¢. A lot of Striped and Dotted P. K's sold at 12¢, to clean up at 9¢. A lot of Beautiful Dress Gingham sold at 8¢, now 5¢.

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Every Shirt Waist that sold for \$1.00, and every one that sold for 75¢, all go in the same pile on table at door, and your choice now is 50¢, all round.

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Hot suns mean burnt and tanned skins unless you have a Parasol. We want to close out our prices have been cut almost in half. \$1.50 kinds now \$1.00; \$2.00 kinds now \$1.50.

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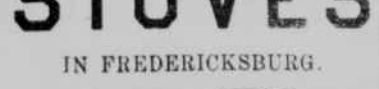
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LANCASTER.

The Sick-Camp Meetings—Personal Notes.

(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)

Lancaster, Va., August 5th, 1899.

There is much sickness among our people at this time, but thanks to a merciful Providence, we have no yellow fever. On the sick list we note the names of Snowden C. Hall, W. Brown Carter and W. W. Parguth, of Bluff Point; also Mr. Jno. Wesley Heywood and entire family, of White Chapel.

Mr. Willie Barker, of Lively Oaks, buried his two-year-old child last Sunday.

E. B. Whitehouse, of Fredericksburg, was in town last Monday and stopped at the Methodist parsonage.

Dr. F. W. Lewis, of Litwinton, has been here the past two days conducting the examination of public school teachers. A large number of teachers were in attendance.

The heavy rains of the past week broke the dams of many of the mills in the county. Bush's, Rock's and Davis' mills are seriously damaged.

Gov. Tyler is growing in popularity daily in this section.

Rev. J. O. Babcock is in feeble health.

Picnics, courting couples, fishing and sailing is the order of the day with our young people.

Mr. U. C. Hazzard has accepted a position at Kamp & Karter's mill, near Kilmarnock.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. L. Bass, of Litwinton, have returned home from an extended visit to friends and relatives in Middlesex county.

Rev. C. Rosser James, of Irvington, preached near Heathsville two excellent sermons last Sunday, to the delight of his old parishioners, who crowded the building to hear their beloved ex-pastor once more.

Rev. Frank Holland, of Wisconsin Church, has returned from a visit to his wife's people in Maryland.

Mr. W. A. Dice, of Bluff Point, went over to Crisfield, Md., last week and brought home one of Crisfield's fairest daughters as his bride. We extend our congratulations.

Mrs. Steptoe Haynie, near Alphonso, is also on the sick list.

Rev. Jno. R. Gill, of Accomac county, is visiting his brother, Mr. Ben L. Gill, near Rehoboth Church.

Rev. C. Tinsley Thrift, of Wisconsin, is in Baltimore for medical treatment. He is suffering with an abnormal growth in his nose.

Rev. W. W. Walker, of Heathsville, is also in Baltimore for medical treatment.

The Marvin Grove Camp begins to-day, and a larger crowd than usual will doubtless be in attendance. Many of the tent holders are moving in to-day; some moved up yesterday.

Rev. W. J. Young, D. D., of Epworth Church, Norfolk; Rev. H. M. Hope, D. D., associate editor Richmond Christian Advocate, and Rev. H. M. Dalbey, E. D., general secretary of the Epworth League, will be present in addition to the preachers of the district. Presiding Elder Joseph H. Amies will be in charge.

The Wharton Grove Camp commenced last week. Rev. Dr. Barron, of North Carolina, is doing the preaching. Rev. Dr. Wharton is not present, to the regret of many.

Radiator.

\$100 Reward. \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only medicine known to cure the disease in its various stages. It is the only medicine known to cure the disease in its various stages. It is the only medicine known to cure the disease in its various stages.

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An Ohio Sportsman.

(New York Press)

There lives in the vicinity of Columbus, Ohio, a rich farmer who is so contrary that he coppers whatever his neighbors may do. Recently they got together and agreed that their lands must be posted if they expected to have a quail or a squirrel, a 'possum or a coon, left in the country. Accordingly it was done. Signs painted in gory letters suddenly stared the sportsman in the face, and guns and fishing tackle dropped 30 points in the market. Our contrary friend decided that he would not post his land, and, in direct opposition to his neighbor, set up a score of these signs about his 5,000 acres of rich bottom on the banks of the Olentangy:

Shoot and Fish All You please on This Land.

And When the Horn Blows Come to Dinner.

He is the most popular man in the county, and the hunters and fishermen have offered him any office that may be at the present or future disposal of the electorate.

Best Remedy for Flux.

Mr. John Mathias, a well known stock dealer of Pulaski, Ky., says: "After suffering for over a week with flux, and my physician having failed to relieve me, I was advised to try Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and have the pleasure of stating that the half of one bottle cured me." For sale by M. M. Lewis, Druggist.

WHAT VICTORIA HAS SEEN.

Fresh Suggestions of the World's Marvelous Progress During Her Life.

(Leslie's Weekly.)

"Crowned heads hold a low place in the space of longevity." If the French author of this expression had foreseen Victoria his assertion would not have been quite so sweeping.

England's queen, born eighty years ago, has long passed the Palmist's span of years. She has gone much farther beyond the average official life of the world's crown-wearers.

Sixty-two years have passed on June 20 since she ascended the throne. This exceeds in duration by over two years the reign of her grandfather, George III., hitherto unexcelled in British annals. No other monarch of a great nation in the world's history has been on the throne as long except Louis XIV. of France, seventy-two years, and he was only five years of age when he became titular king, and during his minority his mother ruled in his stead as regent. Victoria, however, was eighteen at the time her predecessor died, and she has exerted every power since.

Victoria, during her life-time has seen the entire world transformed. On the day of her birth, May 24, 1819, the first steamboat which ever crossed the Atlantic or any other ocean started from Savannah for Liverpool, making the voyage in twenty-six days. The same distance is now made in less than six.

She was six years of age when the first railway train in the world started to carry passengers. She was eighteen years of age, and had just ascended the throne, when the Morse system of telegraphy and that of Cooke and Wheatstone were first patented. Thirty-nine years of her life have passed when the first cable was laid under the Atlantic, and that one almost immediately ceased to operate. Fifty-six years of it expired before the first telephone went into practical operation.

Scott and Byron were in their prime when Victoria first began to read the printed page. None of the great writers—Thackeray, Dickens, Bulwer Lytton, Tennyson, George Eliot, the Brownings, and the others whose names have cast a glory over her country during the past half or two-thirds of a century—had yet begun to work. Darwin, whose labors have revolutionized science and have profoundly affected the thought of moralists and theologians was not heard of.

At the time of Victoria's birth the tramp of Bonaparte's armies had just ceased to shake the world, and Bonaparte himself was a prisoner on a British island in the South Atlantic. She has seen every throne in Europe vacated many times. She has seen her own country transformed politically from an oligarchy in which only one out of fifty of the population was permitted to vote, into a democracy in which the voters number one out of six of the inhabitants. France has changed its form of government four times since her early girlhood days. Italy, then only a "geographical expression," to use Metternich's phrase, has since become one of the greatest powers of Europe, while the empire of Germany was still far in the future.

The United States was in the midst of the era of good feeling "when Victoria was born. Monroe has had nineteen successors in the presidency since that time. This country had only 9,000,000 population then. Buffalo and Pittsburg were frontier towns, and not a house existed on the site of the magnificent metropolis of the west, Chicago. The annexation of Florida, Texas, New Mexico, California and Alaska, to say nothing of the more recent acquisition of territory, all came since Victoria's birth. The world's map has been changed in many places, the world's ideals have been altered in many respects, and the whole face of human society has been transformed in the four score years which have elapsed since Britain's queen first saw the light.

A Thousand Tongues.

Could not express the rapture of Annie E. Springer, of 1125 Howard st., Philadelphia, Pa., when she found that Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption had completely cured her of a hacking cough that for many years had made life a burden. All other remedies and doctors could give her no help, but she says of this Royal Cure: "It soon removed the pain in my chest and I can now sleep soundly, something I had scarcely remembered doing before. I feel like sounding its praises throughout the Universe." So will every one who tries Dr. King's New Discovery for any trouble of the Throat, Chest or Lungs. Prices 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at M. M. Lewis' Drug Store, every bottle guaranteed.

Mexico's Import Trade.

Mexico's imports for the fiscal year ending June 30 will exceed \$50,000,000 gold.

Imports are now averaging \$5,000,000 a month. The United States increased its exports to Mexico last year more than \$2,000,000 gold. No other country shows an increase of \$1,000,000.

Must Have Been Dead.

A policeman was asked by a coroner whether he had taken any steps by way of attempt to resuscitate a man on whom inquest was being held. "Yes," said the officer. "I searched his pockets."

Household Words.

Tetter, Salt-Rheum and Eczema.

The intense itching and smarting incident to these diseases, is instantly allayed by applying Chamberlain's Eye and Skin Ointment. Many very bad cases have been permanently cured by it. It is equally efficient for itching piles and a favorite remedy for sore nipples, chapped hands, chilblains, frost-bites and sores. Price 25c. Sold by M. M. Lewis, Druggist.

STAFFORD.

The Railroad Through Stafford—Fickle Crop Short—Other Notes.

(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)

Stafford Court House, Va., August 5th, 1899.

The spirit seems to be gaining ground here that the railroad now being surveyed through this county will be built. It behooves our people, through whose lands it passes, to act with a liberal spirit to aid in every way they can to get the road, and not to ask as much for the right of way as their whole farms are worth. They must remember that, although the line agreed upon may not go as they desire, it will run about 20 miles through the county, and an expenditure of \$18,000 per mile means \$360,000, a greater part of which will be expended here. It will also increase our taxable values, thereby decreasing taxation.

Two lines have now been nearly surveyed through the county, and a third one almost to the Rappahannock river from the south. One line crosses that river at French John's wharf at Fredericksburg and runs nearly parallel with the river until it reaches the line of Fauquier.

The other crosses the Rappahannock four miles below Fredericksburg, passes Brooke at a point just beyond Arnold's crossing, passes the court-house about 20 yards from that building, turns north and goes on to the Prince William line.

If our people will only meet this railroad in a liberal spirit, our correspondent is decidedly of the opinion that it will be built.

Mr. James Woodard gave a party at his house last night, which was largely attended and much enjoyed.

Mr. J. T. Knoxville lost a fine horse by lightning last Wednesday evening.

About two weeks ago everyone was complaining of the drought, now it is "too wet."

The pickle crop of this section is estimated at half a crop.

Mr. Price G. Edwards wheat crop, threshed 20 bushels to the acre.

Mrs. Bettie Harrison and daughter, of Chicago, are visiting the family of Mr. A. E. Bloxton.

Lumber has gone up to \$8 per thousand and at the saw mills.

Mr. R. A. Moncreux has returned home from a visit to his mother, Mrs. J. A. W. Kendall, in Louisiana. Mrs. K., who has been ill, is convalescent.

Mr. W. T. Payne has moved into his new residence near Brooke.

Scribbler.

A Frightful Blunder

Will often cause a horrible Burn, Scald, Cut or Bruise. Backlen's Arnica Salve, the best in the world, will kill the pain and promptly heal it. Cures Old Sores, Fever Sores, Ulcers, Boils, Piles, Corns, all Skin Eruptions. Best Plaster on earth. Only 25 cts. a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by M. M. Lewis, Druggist.

More Than He Bargained For.

A correspondent writing from Clinch county says: "Brother Jones prayed for rain six days on a stretch, and when the rain came he was the first man to be drowned in it. The ways of Providence are past finding out."

The orchestra of the High Opera House, Columbus, Ohio, got up and walked out when the minstrel company's band leader took the baton, that gentleman being colored.

The X-ray is coming into play as a mummy illuminator, as it has been discovered that by its use imitation or manufactured mummies may be distinguished from the genuine.

Secretary Barnes, of the Kansas Horticultural Society, says that the Kansas orchards now contain 7,538,257 apple trees, 191,660 pear trees, 4,052,762 peach trees and 638,244 plum trees—all bearing. Moreover, Kansas has 6,354 acres of vineyard.

Herman W. Cramer, a Missouri boy with the troops in Puerto Rico, writes of a landress who has taken the contract to do all of his laundry at \$130 a month, and says: "She was not pleased with the turnaround corners on my stand up collars, and for fear they would lie down she sewed them."

Fifteen years ago the annual catch of lobsters along the New England coast exceeded 100,000,000, and over 15,000 men were employed in the industry. Of this business Maine furnished more than one-half; but to-day over 90 per cent. of the canned lobsters are brought from the British provinces.

"Widows are the champion marrying women," says Victor Smith in The New York Press. "In every hundred marriages eleven of the women will be widows. One widow in every four tries wedlock a second time, marrying at the average age of 39. For every 1,000 bachelors that marry spinsters 1,925 marry widows."

The Rev. W. B. Costley, of Stockbridge, Ga., while attending to his pastoral duties at Ellenwood, that state, was attacked by cholera morbus. He says: "By chance I happened to get hold of a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and I think it was the means of saving my life. It relieved me at once." For sale by M. M. Lewis, Druggist.

WHATEVER IS IS BEST

I know as my life grows older, And mine eyes have clearer sight, That under each rank wrong, somewhere There lies the root of Right; That each sorrow has its purpose, By the sorrow oft unguessed,— But as sure as the sun brings morning, WHATEVER IS IS BEST!

I know that each sinful action, As sure as the night brings shade, Is somewhere, sometime punished, Though the hour be long delayed. I know that the soul is aided Sometime by the heart's unrest, And to grow mean's often to suffer,— But, WHATEVER IS IS BEST!

I know there are no errors In the great Eternal plan, And all things work together For the final good of man. And I know when my soul speeds onward In its grand, Eternal quest, I shall say as I look back earthward,— WHATEVER IS IS BEST!

Salvation Army Recruits.

In "Private" Van Norden and "Private" Simpson the Salvation Army has just made two notable accessions to its ranks in New York City. Miss Cora Van Norden is the daughter of Warner Van Norden, president of the National Bank of North America. Miss Margaret Simpson is the daughter of Rev. A. B. Simpson, president of the Christian Alliance.

At the headquarters of the Salvation Army, in West Fourteenth street, both young women are spoken of as "recruits." Miss Van Norden's father said that his daughter had joined the army.

Miss Van Norden, who is well known in society in New York and in Newport, in joining the Salvation Army has followed the example of her sister, Miss Emma Van Norden, who was equally well known in society, and who, in March, 1891, became associated with the army as an auxiliary member, and in July, 1893, was accepted as an active member.

She is now in London, editing one of the publications of the army, which is intended especially for circulation among unfortunate women.

Lieut.-Col. Alice Lewis, a young English woman of education, who, it is said, left a luxurious home in London to join the army, is a close friend of Miss Cora Van Norden. Miss Lewis has charge of a publication for children issued by the army. Miss Van Norden's duty is to assist her in the preparation of this magazine.

Miss Margaret Simpson, who is also a recent convert to the army, wears the uniform of the organization and resides at the Salvation Army home, in East Fifteenth street. She has been assigned as secretary to Miss Higgins, who is the rank of colonel, and who is stationed at the headquarters in West Fourteenth street.

The development of the iron ore mines at Big Stone Gap is proving satisfactory to the Virginia Coal, Iron and Coke Company, which has already shipped several thousand tons of ore to its Middletown, Ky., furnaces. The company has leased for a term of years the Looney Creek coal mines, near the Gap, and it is reported will build between 200 and 300 coke ovens.

Does Your Head Ache?

Are your nerves weak? Can't you sleep well? Pain in your back? Lack energy? Appetite poor? Digestion bad? Boils or pimples? These are sure signs of poisoning.

From what poisons? From poisons that are always found in constipated bowels.

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Write for prices and Descriptive Fall Catalogue, which also gives full information about Vetches, Rape, Winter, Turf or Grazing Oats, Seed Wheat, Grasses and Clovers, Turnip and Vegetable Seeds, Hyacinths, Tulips and all Bulbs and Seeds for fall planting.

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Trust-Building.

The Springfield Republican says: "Notwithstanding the greater difficulty which exists in financing the industrial combinations, the July record of new incorporations involves a total capitalization of \$335,000,000, which is not far below the June record of \$365,000,000. But the Distilling Company of America, a combination of four combinations, alone contributed \$125,000,000 to the July figures. This is one of the biggest concerns yet projected. If it be left out of account, the July figures would reflect a very material decline in trust-building activity."

"A curious thing has resulted from the wreck of the Dominion lines Labrador, which went to pieces on the western coast of Scotland last March," says The New York Commercial Advertiser. "A large part of her cargo consisted of apples, and large quantities of these drifted ashore on the isles of Ioan and Mull. From these have sprung thousands of sprouts along the high-water mark of the